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Clark County Public Health announces online food worker training

Vancouver, WA—Clark County Public Health now offers a speedier alternative for applicants for food worker permits: online training in both English and Spanish, with technical support in both languages.

The English site is located at <http://ccph.gibbymedia.com/foodsafety2/>, with technical support at <http://ccph.gibbymedia.com/foodsafety2/help.htm>. The Spanish site is located at http://ccph.gibbymedia.com/foodsafety2_sp/ with technical support at http://ccph.gibbymedia.com/foodsafety2_sp/help.htm.

“Online training means food handlers won’t have to take a chunk out of their day to come to Public Health. Instead, they can now take the training anywhere from any computer, 24 hours a day. We estimate this will reduce the time spent at Public Health to obtain a food worker permit by 50 percent,” said Jonnie Hyde, Public Health Services Manager. “Additionally, the training is available to anyone—whether or not they intend to become food handlers—as a way learn about basic food safety. These same principles are important to apply in the home environment.”

Food worker applicants are still required to take the food worker test at Clark County Public Health. Applicants who take the training online must print the certificate of completion and bring it to the testing site. Printed study materials can be downloaded from <http://www.metrokc.gov/HEALTH/foodsfty/workinghealthy.htm>.

Applicants who choose not to take online training can still take the standard video training at Public Health prior to taking the food worker test. A \$10 permit fee (cash or check) and photo identification are required of all applicants before they register to take the test.

A food worker permit must be obtained by anyone working in the food service industry who prepares or serves food. Permits are valid for two years.

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